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2nd SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Plymouth Library, Plymouth, MA
11 February 2002

PRESENT

William Adler		
William Amaru		
Regina Asmutis-Silvia	(Alternate to Susan Farady)	
Peter Borelli		
Pricilla Brooks		
Gib Chase	(Alternate to Pricilla Brooks)	
Kevin Chu		
Peter Davidoff	(Alternate to Jackson Kent, III)	
Kathleen Dolan	(Designee for Michael Murray)	(Ex-Officio Member)
William Eldridge	(Alternate to Frederick Nolan, III)	
Susan Farady		
Barry Gibson		
Jerry Hill		
Lt. Comdr. Greg Hitchin	(Designee for Rear Adm. G.N. Naccara)	(Ex-Officio Member)
Donald Hourihan	(Alternate to John Williamson)	
Paul Howard		(Ex-Officio Member)
Roger Jarvis	(Alternate to Barry Gibson)	
Jackson Kent, III	(Designee for Patricia Turkil)	(Ex-Officio Member)
LCDR Daniel Morris	(Alternate to Kathi Rodrigues)	(Ex-Officio Member)
John Pappalardo	(Alternate to William Adler)	
Judith Pederson	(Alternate to Peter Auster)	
David Pierce	(Designee for Paul Diodati)	(Ex-Officio Member)
Charles Rasak	(Alternate to Richard Wheeler)	
Thomas Skinner		(Ex-Officio Member)
David Slocum	(Alternate to Alan Hill)	
Mason Weinrich		
Richard Wheeler		
John Williamson		
Sally Yozell		

SBNMS STAFF

Craig MacDonald, Superintendent
Sandi Dentino
Ben Haskell
James Lindholm

Matt Brookhart
Harrison Ford, Attorney, Dept. of Commerce
Ed Lindhoff
Dave Wiley



OBSERVERS

Danielle Luttenberg, Environmental Defense Fund
Tucker Herberich
Karen Vale, International Wildlife Coalition

I. Welcome, Approval of Minutes, and Review of Agenda (Craig MacDonald)

II. Sanctuary Staff Activity Report (Craig MacDonald)

A. Election of Officers

MacDonald stated that fifteen voting Members must be present for nominating (by ballot) the following: Chairman (two-year term: who runs the meeting and works with Superintendent to establish the Agenda for meetings); Vice-Chairman (one-year term: therefore, chairman and vice-chairman terms will be staggered); and Secretary (one-year term: work with superintendent and the SBNMS staff in matters of correspondence and communication). Officers may hold office for two consecutive terms; the terms for SAC members are for three years.

B. Introduction of Alternates

III. National Overview of Management Plan Review Process (Ed Lindelof)

A. Review of National Marine Sanctuaries

Lindelof gave overview of thirteen National Marine Sanctuaries (NMS) with emphasis on SBNMS (designation 1992); information distributed to Members regarding the NMS and the process of five-year Management Plan Review (MPR).

B. Description of the eight phase process:

- 1) Initiation, 3-6 months
- 2) Pre-Scoping, 1 month
- 3) Scoping, 1-3 months
- 4) Internal evaluation of issues, 1 month
- 5) Characterize priority issues and develop recommendations, 1-3 months
- 6) Develop Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Management Plan DEIS/MP, 6-9 months (including SAC working groups, and additional public meetings)
- 7) Public Comment on DEIS/MP, 1-3 months
- 8) Produce DEIS/MP, 3-6 months

IV. Discussion by SAC Members

Q. What is the composition of the Working Groups?

A. Lindelof stated that usually they are composed of one SAC member (Chairman), users, researchers and community members. MacDonald stated that a sub-committee must be made up of SAC members only.

Q. What is the goal in revising the existing plan?

A. The goal is to make SBNMS a household term and to deliver accurate information to the public. There is need to "revisit" as there is a need to change as the new issues are identified. Lindelof stated that the scoping is an open process and round-table discussions with the public may facilitate maximum participation.

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V. Procedure for Election of Officers (Pricilla Brooks)

Pricilla Brooks reported that SAC members decided on a two-week nominating and voting procedure. Candidates were nominated and will submit statements to MacDonald by the end of the week, with a vote completed no later than 25 February 2002. (Fifteen public members must vote in the elections).

VI. SBNMS SAC Charter (Attorney Harrison Ford)

Attorney Ford discussed that the SACs must conduct business in full compliance with the spirit and letter of its Charter, and in doing so, seek to maintain the highest standard of conduct.

VII. Report of National SAC Chairs Meeting (John Williamson and Jerry Hill)

Williamson and Hill reported that the main emphasis from the Chair's meeting included:

1) as a group, the SAC needs to look to MacDonald for guidance; 2) SBNMS SAC can learn valuable lessons from other SACs including information-gathering, non-confrontational communication, and the suggestion of informal retreats to conduct business.

VIII. Open Discussion/Public Comment

A. SBNMS Draft State of the Sanctuary Report

MacDonald noted that he had received comments from only five people. Suggestions came forth noting that the document needs a better description and information regarding recreational and commercial fishing. Specific comments included providing a sense of trends of fish and marine mammal stocks over last ten years. Subsequent discussion concerned obtaining sources of scientific information and monitoring processes.

B. Previous Scoping Meetings

MacDonald stated that the scoping goal is to initiate the development of a management plan. The concerns and issues expressed are the synthesis of information from previous scoping meetings and workshops. He also noted that the Monterey Bay Sanctuary produced a "scoping flier", which was of great help to the public. In addition, MacDonald summarized the various comments and suggestions, and commented that producing a scoping flier, a state of the sanctuary document, and a guide to management plan review were possible. Members agreed that these three were preferable to a single document.

C. Wind Farm, Nantucket Sound (Bill Amaru)

Amaru described the wind farm proposal and questioned what the environmental impacts of the 340-foot high blades in bird migratory and nesting areas. He suggested that perhaps the SAC could make a recommendation in the future.

D. Public Comment

- Danielle Luttenberg emphasized the importance of engendering public confidence for the "process" to succeed.
- No future date was set for the next SAC meeting.

IX. Adjourn